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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: WESTERN GROUP IN MOZAMBIQUE BRIEF FOREIGN MINISTER ON  
NAMIBIA

REF: USUN 1375

1. FRG AMBASSADOR (WEINDEL) AND CHARGES OF BRITAIN (DE CHASSIRON), FRANCE (CARMONT), AND AMERICAN MET WITH MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO ON MAY 9 TO BRIEF HIM ON RESULTS OF CAPE TOWN TALKS ON NAMIBIA. MEETING TOOK PLACE APPROXIMATELY 1800 HOURS AND LASTED FOR 35 MINUTES. SHARFUDINE KHAN, DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS IN  
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MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ALSO ATTENDED AS NOTE TAKER.

2. USING NOTES AND SPEAKING IN ENGLISH, GERMAN AMBASSADOR COVERED ALL RELEVANT POINTS IN SECTIONS ONE AND FOUR OF REFTEL. BRITISH AND AMERICAN CHARGES OFFERED ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, STRESSING POINTS ABOUT UN INVOLVEMENT IN ELECTIONS, SOUTH AFRICAN DECISION TO STOP TURNHALLE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS

AND S.A. AGREEMENT TO ALLOW ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING SWAPO, TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTORAL PROCESS.

3. AT CONCLUSION OF BRIEFING, AMBASSADOR WEINDEL ASKED CHISSANO IF HE HAD ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. CHISSANO RESPONDED BY SAYING HE THOUGHT IT INAPPROPRIATE TO COMMENT ON RESULTS OF CAPE TOWN TALKS AT THIS TIME. HE SAID: "THE MOST IMPORTANT GROUP TO COMMENT ON THIS IS SWAPO." THIS IS SWAPO'S STRUGGLE, NOT MOZAMBIQUE'S. SWAPO MUST MAKE THE DECISIONS. CHISSANO PAUSED FOR A MOMENT AND THEN SAID THAT HE WAS STRUCK BY THE FACT OF HOW INFREQUENTLY SWAPO WAS MENTIONED DURING THE BRIEFING. THIS, HE EXPLAINED, SEEMED TO IGNORE THE KEY POINT (AS HE REMEMBERED IT) IN RESOLUTION 385 AND OTHER UN NAMIBIA RESOLUTIONS, I.E., THAT SWAPO IS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA. "SWAPO IS NOT JUST ANOTHER GROUP IN EXILE." IT IS LEADING THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE. CHISSANO SAID THIS IS NOT A NEW SCENARIO FOR FRELIMO. FRELIMO WAS ASKED TO FOLLOW THE SAME COURSE AFTER THE PORTUGUESE COUP IN APRIL 1974. FRELIMO REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS. MAYBE SWAPO WILL NOT. "SWAPO IS NOT AS STRONG AS FRELIMO WAS." CHISSANO SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT SWAPO WOULD DO. "WE WILL NOT ADVISE SWAPO TO SAY NO. HOWEVER, IF THEY SAY NO, WE WILL AGREE WITH THEM." CONCLUDING, CHISSANO SAID THESE WERE JUST HIS IMMEDIATE THOUGHTS. HE SAID THAT IF HE SHOULD SAY SOMETHING DIFFERENT TOMORROW, IT IS BECAUSE "WE IN THE GOVERNMENT" HAVE GIVEN THE SUBJECT MORE THOUGHT.

4. COMMENT: MEETING WITH CHISSANO WAS FRIENDLY AND BUSINESSLIKE. ALTHOUGH HE ASKED NO QUESTIONS, HE WAS ATTENTIVE THROUGHOUT. IN CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS COMMENTS AT END OF MEETING, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT FRELIMO WILL NOT BE ENCOURAGING SWAPO TO GO ALONG WITHOUT EFFORTS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE INDICATED THAT FRELIMO WOULD NOT BE COUNSELING SWAPO TO REJECT WHAT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED THUS FAR IN THE CAPE TOWN TALKS.  
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